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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Eick et al. (Eick) (5,812,124).

As to claim 1, Eick discloses a device for displaying search results (Figs. 2 and 16-23), comprising:

at least one user interface and supporting processor connected thereto (Fig. 3), said user interface having at least one control and at least one output (column 4, lines 20-62);

said processor being configured to accept search results (column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55);

said user interface being adapted to apply control signals responsive to user input indicating a first feature of each of said search results (column 4, lines 20-62 and column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55);

said processor being configured to generate display data including multiple symbols (letters representing first letters in program titles; Figs. 16-22 and column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55) corresponding to respective one of said search results such

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that ones of said search results having a same value of said first feature are aggregated such that said ones are displayed as a single symbol (wherein all programming which begins with a particular letter is aggregated under that letter; Figs. 16-22 and column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55), wherein said ones of said search results are expandable such that symbols that represent each of said ones are displayed upon receipt of a user selection of said single symbol (user selection of the letter to view the program listing; see Fig. 19-22; column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55);

said processor being adapted to output said symbols for display by said user interface in the format of a list extending along a first axis of a display area (see Fig. 19-22; column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55).

As to claim 2, Eick discloses wherein said display data including symbols corresponding to multiple instances of a subset of said search results having a second feature and the same value of said first feature (titles with more than one occurrence; see Fig. 22; column 10, lines 5-19), each of said subset of said search results being selectively displayable by said user interface developed along a second axis of said display area (channel vs. time display indicating all of the occurrences of NOVA; column 10, lines 15-55).

As to claim 3, Eick discloses wherein said subset of said search results is displayed by said user interface along said second axis of said display area by

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indicating said symbol corresponding to said subset of said search results (column 10, lines 15-55).

As to claim 4, Eick discloses wherein said first axis defines a column (see Figs. 18-22).

As to claim 5, Eick discloses wherein said ones are displayed by said user interface along a second axis of said display area on a display control (see Fig. 19-23; column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55).

As to claim 6, Eick discloses wherein said display control permits selective expansion of details of said ones (selection of a symbol to access more information about items located under that symbol; see Fig. 19-23; column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55).

As to claim 7, Eick discloses wherein said ones may be selectively aggregated about chosen second features (aggregated together for having the same title and different times; see Fig. 22; column 10, lines 5-19).

As to claim 8, Eick discloses wherein said search results are broadcast events (broadcast television programs; column 4, lines 10-62).

As to claim 9, Eick discloses wherein said first feature includes title (searching by title; column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55).

As to claim 10, Eick discloses a device for displaying search results (Figs. 2 and 16-23), comprising:

at least one user interface and supporting processor connected thereto (Fig. 3), said user interface having at least one control and at least one output (column 4, lines 20-62);

said processor being configured to accept search results (column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55), said search results including broadcast events (broadcast television programs; column 4, lines 10-62);

said user interface being adapted to apply control signals responsive to user input indicating a first feature of each of said search results (column 4, lines 20-62 and column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55);

said processor being configured to selectively aggregate a subset of each of said search results having the first feature in common such that ones of said search results having a same value of said first feature are aggregated such that said ones are displayed as a single symbol (wherein all programming which begins with a particular letter is aggregated under that letter; Figs. 16-22 and column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55), said subset being expandable such that symbols representing each search result within the subset are displayed together with the single symbol upon user selection said

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single symbol (user selection of the letter to view the program listing; see Fig. 19-22; column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55).

As to claim 11, Eick discloses wherein the subset of said search results having a second feature and commonality with respect to the first feature (titles with more than one occurrence; see Fig. 22; column 10, lines 5-19), each of said subset of said search results being selectively displayable by said user interface developed along a second axis of said display area (channel vs time display indicating all of the occurrences of NOVA; column 10, lines 15-55).

As to claim 12, Eick discloses wherein said subset of said search results is displayed by said user interface along said second axis of said display area by indicating said symbol corresponding to said subset of said search results (column 10, lines 15-55).

As to claim 13, Eick discloses wherein said first axis is vertical (see Figs. 18-22) and said second is horizontal (Fig. 23).

As to claim 14, Eick discloses wherein said subset of said search results is displayed by said user interface along a second axis of said display area on a display control (see Fig. 19-23; column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55).

As to claim 15, Eick discloses a method of displaying search results (Figs. 2 and 16-23), comprising:

receiving user data indicating a first feature about which to consolidate search results (column 4, lines 20-62 and column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55), wherein said search results are obtained through utilization of a textual query (alphabetical text searching of program titles; Figs. 16-23 and column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55);

receiving user data indicating a second feature about which to consolidate said search results (user selection of a next letter; Fig. 21-22; column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55);

identifying search results having same values of said first feature and said second feature (see Figs. 20-22; column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55);

generating a display wherein each of said search results having said same values is depicted by a single symbol (see Figs. 16-22); and

expanding said each of said search results such that additional information about said each is displayed in response to said single symbol being indicated by a user (see Fig. 19-23; column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55).

As to claim 16, Eick discloses wherein said search results include broadcast events (broadcast television programs; column 4, lines 10-62).

As to claim 17, Eick discloses wherein said first feature and said second feature include title (searching by letters within the title; column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55).

As to claim 18, Eick discloses wherein the textual query is for a program title (column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55).

As to claim 19, Eick discloses wherein said processor is configured to expand said each of said search results in a hierarchical manner in response to said single symbol indicated by said user (see Fig. 19-23; column 9, line 51-column 10, line 55).

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-19 been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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